

“TEACH THE YOUNG WOMEN”

“THE AGED WOMEN LIKEWISE, THAT THEY BE IN BEHAVIOUR AS BECOMETH HOLINESS, NOT FALSE ACCUSERS, NOT GIVEN TO MUCH WINE, TEACHERS OF GOOD THINGS; THAT THEY MAY TEACH THE YOUNG WOMEN TO BE SOBER, TO LOVE THEIR HUSBANDS, TO LOVE THEIR CHILDREN, TO BE DISCREET, CHASTE, KEEPERS AT HOME, GOOD, OBEDIENT TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS, THAT THE WORD OF GOD BE NOT BLASPHEMED”

(TITUS 2:3-5)

Yes, gentle bride, leave not the home of your childhood, and the guides of your youth, to enter on the duties and trials of married life, without engaging the friendship and guidance of One, who will accompany you through all your earthly pilgrimage—One who will be your director in difficulty, your shield in danger, your strength in weakness, your supply in destitution, your comfort in sorrow, your “all in all” [COLOSSIANS 3:11]. Are you ready to say, “Yes, I expect all this from the husband of my affections?” Dear young reader, far be it from me to infuse one drop of bitterness into the brimming cup of felicity which you just now press to your lips; to check your rising hopes of connubial happiness [marital happiness], pure, abundant, and long continued. Expect much from the society of your husband; you ought to do so, and in affectionate, confiding, exulting, domestic intercourse, seek your highest earthly enjoyment. But, I must remind you, that you will need, that you do need something more than even a husband can impart. Call to your recollection the term for which your union is formed, and the very phrase employed will convince you that you need something beyond it: “Till death us do part.” Then death will come and dissolve your union. It may come first to your husband, and take him from you; then how complete will be your desolation, unless God be your friend! Death may come first to you; then how wretched will be your condition, if, when you must leave your husband, you have not a God to go to! Do bear in mind, that you have a soul, a never-dying soul; and that, however pleasing and prosperous your outward circumstances, you can neither be safe nor happy unless you have, by a lively faith and a voluntary surrender, committed your immortal interests to the keeping of the everlasting God, and till you have established habits of intercourse with Him, going to Him as a child to a father, for daily direction, support, and supplies.

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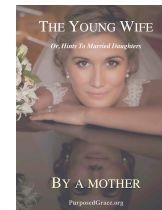
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WHEN THE COMMANDMENT CAME, SIN REVIVED, AND I DIED

"FOR I WAS ALIVE WITHOUT THE LAW ONCE: BUT WHEN THE COMMANDMENT CAME, SIN REVIVED, AND I DIED" (ROMANS 7:9)

Would you read the best experience of a true believer in Christ that ever was wrote, here it is in this chapter [7 of Romans]. Try your own; judge of others by this. Commend me to holy, humble Paul's experience. If we are taught by the same Spirit, ours will answer to his, as face does to face in a glass, in the following particulars: 1. A sense of sin will be revived in the conscience, which no human palliatives [remedies], or lulling opiates, can keep in a swoon any longer. You will so see, feel, and be sensible of its dread and tenor, that you will confess yourself to be totally destroyed by it, and your case to be quite desperate under it. 2. This is effected by the law; *"For by the law is the knowledge of sin,"* Romans 3:20. *"When the commandment came,"* that is, when the purity and spirituality of the holy and perfect law of God comes into your heart and conscience, then you see that it requires truth and perfection of obedience in the *inward* parts as well as in the *outward* walk: you see you have it not, you find it is as much impossible for you a sinner to fulfill God's holy law, as it is for you to create a world. Then, 3. You die: you become as a dead man: seeing the exceeding sinfulness of sin in you, and the dreadful curse of the law hanging over you, all hopes of life forsake you. Sin and the law live within you, they pierce your soul to the quick; the law adds strength to sin; you can no longer flatter yourself that your state is good, that you can do any thing to bring yourself upon good terms with God; you have now done

with all works of righteousness to that end; you can have no more hope from your obedience to the law, than from your transgressions against it: you see yourself sin in all that you are, and in all that you do. But, 4. The hand of the Comforter is in all this: his loving design is to bring you to live by the faith of the Son of God: instead of looking to and living by your own righteousness, you are to live wholly and solely upon His life and by His righteousness. But while alive without the law, and striving to fulfill the law, you overlook Christ, slight His righteousness, think your own better to trust to than his. Now the Spirit keeps alive sin and the law in you for this very purpose, to make you wretched in self and happy in Christ: all experiences that do not effect this are not worth a straw. *"Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth"* (ROM 10:4).

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MADE SIN, MADE RIGHTEOUS, MADE FREE!

"FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM"

(2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

Beloved, we read in 2nd Corinthians chapter 5 and in verse 21 how our Heavenly Father made His sinless, spotless, well pleasing Son *to be sin for us*, He *who knew no sin*, did no sin, and had no sin; *that we might be made the righteousness of God* in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Do you understand what this means beloved? It means that our Heavenly Father has so thoroughly, so completely imputed the sins of His people to His well pleasing Son that our Lord now calls them *"mine iniquity"* and further, says of our sin that He *"will be sorry for"* them [PSALM 38:18]. In this great transaction of *the new covenant*, whereby the Son of God is *made to be sin for us*, we are further taught of God, that so thoroughly, so completely has the righteousness of Christ been imputed to His people, that they are *made the very righteousness of God in Him*. Now do I see that in myself? No, but I do believe it. Indeed, though no mortal can *now* see it, I am *now* at this very moment by God's undeserved grace, united to His darling Son, well pleasing in His sight. You see believing sinner, He took away our *guilt* and He gave us His *glory*—He took away our *ruin* and He gave us His *righteousness*. *"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world"* (1 JOHN 4:17) So beloved believing sinner *"Stand fast...in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage"* (GALATIANS 5:1). AMEN!

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